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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in this country.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

A RECENT writer described India as a great continent of villages, as it contains no less than 718,000. In the Northwest Provinces and in Bengal they average a mile apart, and in many places only one-third of a mile.

THE fourth Indian Decennial Conference held in Madras was a notable gathering in the interest of missions. Among the many subjects for discussion was that efforts should be made to persuade all Christians to forsake positions which compel them to work on the Sabbath; also that petitions should be sent to the Imperial Government to re-enact a Sabbath law for Indian Christians, so that they may abstain from labor without breaking their contracts, and that courts and public offices shall be closed.

LITERATURE committees were considered imperative in the present development of mission work. "As work among women and girls is increasingly important, it is desirable that ladies should be members of these committees to consider the needs of literature for Christians and non-Christians, and to promote the production and circulation of instructive, interesting literature."

OPERATIONS "of the Society for the Protection of Children in India" are widening but the Committee desire to conduct the work on a much larger scale, and "earnestly appeal to all interested in this work of rescue to increase their efforts to succour the homeless, unprotected, and oppressed among the children of the Empire."

IMPORTANT testimony is given to the results of mission effort by Sir Bartle Frere, the former Governor of Bombay. "Whatever may be said to the contrary, the teaching of Christianity among 160,000,000 of civilized industrious Hindus and Mohammedans in India is *effecting changes moral, social, and political*, which for extent and rapidity of effect are far more extraordinary than anything that you or your fathers have witnessed in modern Europe."

IT is a significant indication of public opinion that the Chinese language is being taught in the principal universities of Great Britain and Europe. France claims to have "furnished the cradle of the science Sinology and has been most active in appointing the finest Chinese scholars in her university chair at the *College of France* and in the oriental schools in Paris and Lyons."

ELEVEN members composed "the first Protestant church" in Japan, organized March 10, 1872, in Yokohama. The creed states: "Our church does not belong to any sect whatever; it believes only in the name of Christ, in whom all are one; it believes that all who take the Bible as their guide, and who diligently study it, are the servants of Christ and our brethren. For this reason, all believers on earth belong to the family of Christ in the bonds of brotherly love."

IN EASTERN LANDS

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

OUR BRIDGMAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

By Miss S. D. DOREMUS.

CHINA was the second Empire where we unfurled our banner, when we established, in 1868, a school for girls in Peking. A bequest from a warm personal friend, Mrs. E. C. Bridgman, whose husband is famed as the great Chinese missionary scholar and translator, led to our removal in 1881 to Shanghai. Here at the end of a retired lane in beautiful well-shaded grounds, was found a home for our missionaries, leading into commodious quarters for a Girls' Boarding-school, and a Chapel attached for all religious services.

My first glimpse of the Bridgman School was during the study hour, when the young girls were preparing their first recitations after the Spring vacation. Crossing the wide



PUPILS AT OUR BRIDGMAN SCHOOL.

hall which separates the dwelling of our missionaries from the school-house, a volume of sound greeted my ears, such as rarely is heard out of China. I soon discovered that it was the combined school studying aloud at the very top of their voices. Often did I hear this chorus in visiting native schools, and always received from the teachers the answer to my question "Why?"—"How should we know that the children were really studying if we did not hear them?"

Silence fell on the school as I entered, and all rose to greet me with the courtesy, a marked feature of Oriental children saying in unison, "Welcome, honorable lady." Looking at them for the first time with critical interest, I was impressed with their fine appearance of health, and delighted that all of them from seven to eighteen years of age had *natural* feet. Living in the house with them for some weeks, I soon distinguished each girl, and was surprised to see how many of them bore marks of refinement and beauty notwithstanding their pronounced Mongolian type of features. Their clear olive complexion was not infrequently accompanied by rosy cheeks, their luxuriant black hair and regular white teeth, which made their smiles irresistible, formed an attractive combination. Their manners were uniformly courteous and respectful, and in all my teaching I never saw one listless or inattentive girl, but whether reciting or singing, all was done with the heartiest good-will.

The costume too, though lacking in the grace of that of the Hindus, seemed the most satisfactory for a land subject to great climatic changes but where the artificial heating of houses is unknown. Warm wadded coats long enough to form a skirt, and pantalettes covering the instep, just meeting the low thick-soled shoes, all seemed in keeping with the style and bearing of the Chinese. No wonder doors are kept open to flood the rooms with sunshine, nor that coats are added as the cold weather reaches severity.

Busy mornings ushered in the school-hours, for the broad verandas which opened on to the enclosed playground were filled with girls sweeping, dusting, or performing other household duties, so imperative an acquisition in the life of every Chinese maiden.

Interesting was it to watch the order of the day opening with devotional exercises which I could follow through translations.

The Bible being the foundation text-book, it was a delight to hear how many of its rich truths had been stored in the memory, to give all after-life a deeper meaning and a higher motive for action. Nothing so impressed me throughout all our schools in the East, as the fidelity of our missionaries in this direction, thoroughly justifying the trust reposed in them.

The classes were all promising, from the younger, who were being initiated into the mysteries of the numberless written characters, to the higher, where the prodigious memory of the Chinese makes tasks otherwise difficult easy of acquisition. English is becoming popular, and it was my privilege to teach the class, and see how rapidly the girls could memorize words and sentences, the pronunciation rarely being difficult to them.

The crowning accomplishment of a Chinese woman's education is embroidery, never seen



DINING ROOM.

out of the Empire, where figures arrayed in elaborate garments are in action and glimpses of landscape give endless variety. Seated two and two at an embroidery frame, it was a study to watch the skill with which expression was introduced into the faces, or the hands with the long nails—a mark of aristocracy—were reaching out to brilliantly plumaged birds hanging in cages overhead, or butterflies of gorgeous hues on the wing. Industrial work opens everywhere an honest livelihood to women, and missions are quick to seize on every opportunity for practical knowledge of a high order.

The happiest hour of my day was when the school gathered in the beautiful Chapel within our mission premises, rebuilt in 1898 as a memorial to one of our active workers, Mrs. Alfred Van Santvoord. There I was able to teach many of our beautiful hymns, and found the Chinese ear quick to catch a



EMBROIDERY CLASS



LITTLE ONES AND NATIVE TEACHER.

melody often combining correct harmony, and the voices as musical as the average in any land. Among the many things which won my admiration was the skill with which difficult music was faultlessly transcribed by these Chinese girls, fairly rivalling the most accurate copper-plate engraving.

The picture which stands out more clearly than any other memory was the beautiful Easter service, for which we had made careful preparation. Following the regular morning Sabbath-school, a crowd of native members of our Chapel assembled for the Holy Communion and one of our Bible women then consecrated her child in baptism. The inspiring hymn "Christ is risen," translated into Chinese, opened the service, read by the native pastor and sung to perfection with joyous feeling by the scholars. Two of our former pupils, now successful teachers in our mission, served as organists, and their skill evidenced their careful training.

Emotion too deep for expression surged over me as I saw one after another of our scholars kneeling at the improvised chancel,

to witness for the risen Lord, whom they had accepted as their Saviour and Guide. These then were the fruits of faithful labor and devout prayer, forming a little band whose light might penetrate into many a heathen home.

Scores of young Christian girls have passed out of our Bridgman School to positions of honored usefulness. Our best teachers have come from its ranks, imparting in turn what they have received, and here also have been found the most skilled of the helpers for our Margaret Williamson Hospital.

Dear friends, often have I been asked, "if missions paid." What think you? Is it nothing to take young girls from heathen surroundings, deadening and demoralizing such as we can hardly realise, and train them into a life of service, the centres of Christian homes, literally lights in dark places and exponents of exalted living?

Listen to Mrs. Howard Taylor's touching plea: "One-fifth of all the women in the world are found in the homes of China. One baby-girl out of every five is cradled in a Chinese mother's arms, unwelcomed and unloved save by that poor mother's heart. One little maiden out of every five grows up in ignorance and neglect, drudging in the daily toil of some poor Chinese family, or crying over the pain of her crippled feet in the seclusion of a wealthier home. Among all the youthful brides who pass from the shelter of their childhood's home, one out of every five goes weeping in China to the tyranny of a mother-in-law she dreads, and the indifference of a husband she has never seen. Of all the wives and mothers in the world, one out of every five turns in her longing to a gilded goddess of mercy in some Chinese temple, murmuring her meaningless prayer in hope of help and blessing that never come. One out of every five at the close of earthly life passes into the shadow and terror that surround a Chinese grave, never having heard of Him who alone can rob death of its sting. One-fifth of all the women are waiting, waiting in China for the Saviour who so long has waited for them. What a burden of responsibility does this lay on us—the women of Christendom!"

This comes from a devoted missionary who has seen what we may never see and known what we can never know. Shall we rise to this responsibility, and nourish in our little corner of Christ's vineyard this vine of His planting?

HOME NOTES

ARE WE IN EARNEST?

A SUCCESSFUL world evangelist, after years of faithful labor in heathen lands, summed up the result of his observations in these words: "The Church of Christ is playing at missions."

The same words were used by Rev. James S. Barton, D.D., who formed one of the deputation of the A. B. C. F. M. He states that he met while in India, a missionary who "was the only ordained white man for a population of over 550,000," and adds: "We are not giving the impression to the intelligent, educated natives that we believe very much in the universality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are aware that the entire country is open for Christian operations, and are surprised that the Christians of the United States and England show such apathy. It is impossible to explain to a village that promises to give up the worship of idols and is begging for a Christian preacher to live among them to teach them the Christian way, why a preacher cannot be sent. There is no use in attempting to make a community understand why a Christian school is not opened for the training of their children, when they are ready to send them even with the expectation that they will become Christians. There is no use in telling them that there is no money with which to help them. They know that the Christians of America and England have money enough to erect fine churches and cathedrals; that they have elegant homes, and travel widely to gratify their tastes; and they cannot comprehend why their own desire to learn of the same religion should meet with so inadequate a response. They cannot understand why more missionaries and Christian physicians are not sent in reply to their urgent appeals.

"As we went over India and saw the unseized opportunities, the unentered open doors on every side, it seemed as if we were but playing at missions. The missionaries upon the ground are nobly doing all that they can do with the means at their disposal. The trouble does not lie with them; it is with us at home.

"If we were ready to give and sacrifice in accordance with our talk and prayers, we could easily carry the Gospel message and

place Christian institutions within the reach of every child of India inside of twenty years.

"A little more than a year ago the census of nearly three hundred million in India was taken in one day. During that one day of twenty-four hours, the name, age, race, and religion were written down for every individual in that vast Empire. It was not an impossible task by any means, its success depending upon a purpose to accomplish the end aimed at, a plan that would make it possible, and a united effort upon the part of all to whom the task was committed.

"If men and money were forthcoming, India could be given Gospel institutions in twenty years sufficient for its evangelization without departing from the methods now used or changing in any particular the well-established principles of mission work."

R. W. Dale thus sums up the great achievements of the Christian faith: "We know the power which it has exerted over the religious, ethical, and intellectual life of the most highly civilized nations of the world. It has given them august conceptions of God. It has exalted their conception of the dignity of man. It has rescued from neglect and dishonor some of the most gracious and beautiful of human virtues; it has allied the awful and tender sanctions of religion with the common duties of morality. It has given fire and dignity to literature and art. It has inspired a heroism of devotion to the service of the sick, the miserable, and the fallen. It has created in saints a passion for holiness. Through century after century, and in many lands, it has disciplined millions of obscure men to honesty, temperance, patience, kindness, cheerful contentment, and all the virtues which contribute to the happiness of private citizens, and to the peace, order, and progress of states. It has consoled men in their sorrows; it has given them hope in death. These are among the obvious and uncontested effects of the power of the Christian faith; they should be remembered."

If we know the truth of this, we cannot but hail with joy the final note of the last Decennial Conference held recently in Madras. "All the indications seem to point that a new missionary era is about to dawn, when the Churches of Christ in Europe and America will devise really liberal and commensurate things for the prosecution of their God-given work in the world—to evangelize the nations with as little delay as possible.

The appeal of the Conference is for a working force of one hundred and fifty men and women to operate in the territory they occupy. The proportion asked for, is one foreign man and one foreign woman to every fifty thousand of the population, an estimate which no one can pronounce extravagant if thoroughly effective work is expected."

FAMINE ORPHANS.

By CHARLES CUTHBERT HALL, D.D.

WHEN asked what seems the most encouraging aspect of the missionary enterprise, without hesitation I answer: boarding schools and famine children. The excellent result of boarding schools has impressed me. As educational institutions they deserve commendation; but as institutions for the formation of character and the development in Eastern society of a new type of manhood and womanhood they are beyond praise. I wish that, under wise and sympathetic leadership, they could be multiplied indefinitely. I wish that India might be filled with them. They contain the prophecy of a regenerated India. They may, under God, be the salvation of Indian social life.

Closely related with this subject of boarding schools, I must speak of the wonderful opportunity given to Missions in the army of famine children now enjoying protection and education in Mission compounds. These orphans, whose parents perished in the famine, have been rescued from starvation, or from a survival that was worse than death, by the Christ-like work of missionaries. These children, absolved by calamity from all family ties, are unconditionally under Christian love and care. Thousands of them were rescued in infancy and have known no other protectors than these Christian friends. They have breathed no other atmosphere than the pure, sweet atmosphere of the Christian household. Their affection for their protectors and guides is beautiful to witness. Never was better care given to children than is given to them. I have seen them in various places by scores and hundreds. They are true Indian children, living in ways suited to Indian life; they are not being transformed into poor imitations of children of the West. But they are Indian children that are unconsciously assimilating the best qualities of the Western spirit.

Twenty years hence, these tens of thousands of youths shall, by the grace of God, become a tremendous element in the transformation of India.

LIFE NO HOLIDAY.

By HENRY DRUMMOND.

SOONER or later we find out that life is not a holiday, but a discipline. Earlier we will discover that the world is not a playground. It is quite clear that God means it for a school. The moment we forget that, the puzzle of life begins. We try to play in school. The Master does not mind that so much for His own sake, for He likes to see His children happy, but in our playing we neglect our lessons. We do not see how much there is to learn, and we do not care. But our Master cares. He has a perfectly overpowering and inexplicable solicitude for our education; and because He loves us He comes into the school sometimes and speaks to us. He may speak very softly and gently, or very loudly. Sometimes a look is enough, and we understand it, like Peter, and go out at once and weep bitterly. Sometimes the voice is like a thunder-clap startling a summer night.

But one thing we may be sure of, the task He sets us to, is never measured by our delinquency. The discipline may seem far less than our desert, or even to our eye ten times more. But it is not measured by these. It is measured by God's solicitude for our progress; measured solely by God's love; measured solely that the scholar may be better educated when he arrives at his Father's home.

WE hope to welcome this month Miss Edith H. May, now on furlough, who has been the Superintendent of our Mission in Allahabad, India. Our work there has grown and developed richly under her skilful guidance, and she leaves many sorrowful hearts who long for her speedy return.

We ask especial prayer for Miss Todd, who takes up grave responsibilities during her absence.

Sir H. H. Johnston writes: "When the history of the great African states of the future comes to be written, the arrival of the first missionary will, with many of these new nations, be the first historical event in their annals."



PUSH-PUSH TRAVELLING, INDIA.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

BUSY STREETS.

By S. D. DOREMUS.

THE morning is bright and cool for India. Let us walk down this narrow street of a northern city and look at the crowds surging backwards and forwards. We cannot pass this train of bullock wagons slowly bearing huge burdens, for there are no sidewalks, and every one on foot must stand aside. What a mass of tiny shops, open to the street, line each side of the way! Here the vendors sit cross-legged, lazily smoking their long pipes, or chatting eagerly with friends who have dropped in for a little gossip. Goods are tied up in bundles to protect them from dust, and shopping becomes an endless affair, as every package must be taken from shelves, and unfolded with a deliberation we would not tolerate in America.

Let us stop at this shop displaying gold embroidery designed for some gorgeous festival. Here workmen seated at frames stamp on velvet an intricate pattern from wooden blocks filled with white chalk, and then rapidly cover it with bits of gold or span-

gles, never misplacing a single thread. Poor workers! no wonder they look bent and worn, for day after day, even on Sabbath, they stitch with their primitive needles until marvellous effects are revealed.

Here is a crowd of busy men, women, and boys, weaving from high poles coarse mats, made of sweet grass, which hung, on open doors when wet, keep rooms cool on sultry days as a *punkah wallah*—a man—pulls them backward and forward. Very swiftly do the fingers twist and turn, and the mat is soon finished and piled on one side for the stream of buyers.

There are men by twos—walking rapidly up and down waving aloft yards of bright colored cloth, making a faint breeze as they pass. These are dyers, and close beside them are huge vats filled with all manner of gay hues, in which the cloth is dipped again and again. The air is soft, and in a few moments the color is set, and the cloth swells a pile of goods just in front.

Look at this little shop crowded with buyers! It is filled with tiny lamps of every shape and size, many at the back of the shop lighted, to show the fairy-like effect

of each device. A festival is at hand and the doors and windows of native houses will be covered with lamps for an illumination. No wonder the shopman has a thriving trade.

Just outside are women sitting before a native mill, slowly turning by handles two huge stones from which drops golden grain to be gathered into bags for the market.

Most fascinating of all is this potter with his primitive wheel and treadle. Taking a shapeless mass of clay, he sets his wheel in rapid motion, and with a turn to the right and a twist to the left he moulds with ingenious touch now a flower-pot, then a vase with handles, or a water-jar, which is hardened in the sun. Now he sees a flaw in the clay, or a fault in the pattern, and in the twinkling of an eye he dashes it on the ground, to be moulded anew. Too bad! for all this deft work, he can only sell each jar for a quarter of one of our cents. No wonder he can only keep soul and body together even in busy days, and I fancy he rejoices that pots and pans in India are easily broken, so that buyers may wend his way.

But here we have arrived at the end of this street and are at the door of our Mission school, whither we were wending our way. Presently we will hear the children recite their Scripture lessons, and do you know as we think of how many scenes from the Bible were reproduced in our walk, we realize how much more the pictures and truths of that Blessed Book will mean to them, than to us who never see these sights.

JUST ONE.

By ELIZABETH IRVINE.

OUR Christmas in Shanghai was a delightful day. Our little Chapel looked very pretty, trimmed as it was with evergreen by the girls in our boarding school, and we had a little service appropriate for the occasion.

The distribution of the Christmas gifts to the school children took place in the morning. I invited my teacher to be present in the boarding school while my sister gave out the dolls and peanuts with candy. His face was a perfect study, as this was a new experience, never really having come in close contact with Christmas heretofore, on such a happy occasion. As he was about to leave my study, I gave him a little remembrance

which I had taken great pains to arrange very tastefully, for which he thanked me very profusely and it seemed to touch him very much. But what do you suppose he very politely asked me? "Have you any dolls left?" I said: "I am afraid not. Would you like one?" "Exceedingly," he replied. My sister appeared a moment later with the last one, and I wish you could have seen him when my sister handed it to him. Happy was no name for it! It is rarely that one has the pleasure of seeing such genuine joy, over what to us seems so common. It was the greatest joy I could have had yesterday, because we have made this man a subject of prayer for months, and we are sure he has entered the Kingdom of God.

THE FAMOUS HILL.

By SOMÉ KONO (a Japanese pupil).

SEN GEN YAMA is a famous hill in Yokohama, celebrated for its fine view. It can be reached by one hundred steep stone steps, and at the upper end is a tea-house where visitors can get an extended view of the city and bay. In the tea-house one can get simple refreshments. There may happen to be there an old man, and if visitors ask him he will tell tales of old like this:

"In times of yore there was on the hill a shrine dedicated to the god of harvest. On his festival day the village young men danced and the maidens sang. At the back of the shrine is a deep den, in which an old fox was said to have lived for centuries. He was the pet servant of the god of harvest and guarded the fields from other wild animals. When a sorrowful event happened in the village, the fox would call the attention of every one by his loud cries. The shrine has been removed, but they say the fox still haunts the place."

The first stranger who visited the tea-house was Commodore Perry, who wrote a poem on a Japanese fan, and tried to play Japanese music on a harp. The harp has been preserved, and was named after him, but the fan was lost by fire a few years ago. When General Grant came to Japan, he twice attempted to visit the tea-house, but was prevented from walking the hundred steps by the strong wind and rain. So he sent his Secretary to the house to express his regret.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from March 1 to March 31, 1903.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—Boston Br., Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas.:	
A friend, per Miss Gardner, for salary of teacher in L. L. B. School, Calcutta,	\$100 00
St. Paul's Ch. collection, per Miss E. B. Barrett,	25 00
Lowell.—Y. W. C. Ass'n, per Miss Bigelow, for Bible Reader Tawari, Cawnpore, 15.00; for Champula, Allahabad, 1.80,	16 80
Mrs. Lewis Dexter, Jr. (Calais, Me.), for Miss Todd's work, Allahabad,	5 00
Total,	\$146 80

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven.—Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, per Mrs. F. B. Dexter,	\$20 00
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NEW YORK.

Albany.—Mrs. L. M. Palmer, "In Memoriam,"	\$10 00
Brooklyn.—A friend, for printing programs,	5 25
Miss L. Jones,	1 00
Primary S.-S. Class, Clinton Ave. Congr. Ch., Mr. Sam'l Eveson, Treas., per Mrs. S. T. Dauchy, for support of child, Calcutta Orphanage,	25 00
Per Miss H. E. Forbes, for bed in M. W. Hospital, Shanghai, in memory of Hannah Edwards Forbes and Adeline Louisa Forbes,	600 00
New York City.—Miss A. Lent (Madison Sq. Ch.), for Miss Crosby's work, Yokohama,	10 00
Miss Doremus, from sale of embroideries,	3 00
Miss M. Collins, for Miss Irvine's Evangelistic work, Shanghai,	20 00
Subscriptions to <i>Missionary Link</i> ,	10 15
Oswego.—Normal Christian Ass'n, Miss J. G. Case, Treas., for child in Calcutta Orphanage,	2 65
Plattsburg.—C. E. Soc. of Peristome Presb. Ch., Mrs. John Martin, Treas.,	7 33
Poughkeepsie.—Lyndon Hall School, per Mrs. S. W. Buck, for support of Clara Munger, Calcutta,	60 00
Syracuse.—Per Mrs. R. Townsend:	
Mrs. Howard Townsend, 5.00; Mrs. Fred'k Townsend, 5.00; Mrs. J. B. Burnet, 5.00; Mrs. Robert Townsend, 20.00; for education of girl in Shanghai.—In memory of Capt. Robert Townsend, U. S. N.,	35 00
Total,	\$789 38

NEW JERSEY.

Hamburg.—First Presb. Ch. S.-S., Mrs. W. H. Frey, Sec'y, for girl in Calcutta Orphanage,	\$25 00
Morristown.—Miss E. M. Graves, for "Daisy," native teacher, India,	50 00
Mrs. F. W. Owen, to endow bed in M. A. Hoyt Hospital, Jhansi, in memory of Mrs. R. R. Graves,	600 00
Morristown Aux., Miss M. H. Maury, Treas., additional for 1902, for salary of Miss Harris, Cawnpore,	8 50
Passaic.—Y. W. C. Ass'n, Miss Edith Launing, Treas., for Miss Irvine's Evangelistic work, Shanghai,	6 00
Princeton.—Princeton Br., Mrs. W. B. Harris, Treas. <i>pro tem.</i> , towards Miss Mudge's salary,	40 00
Total,	\$725 50

PENNSYLVANIA.

Germantown.—W. and O. Band (see items below),	\$208 00
Philadelphia.—Phila. Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas., quarterly salaries to Dr. Reifsnnyder, 150.00; the Misses Leslie and Peters, 150.00; Miss Todd, 150.00; Agnes Leavitt Scholarship, Calcutta, 30.00; Mrs. W. H. Allen, for Lily Allen M. A. M. School, Cawnpore, 20.00; Rev. J. Howard Smith, for work in Hospital, Jhansi, 25.00,	525 00
Scranton.—Grace Ch., Mr. W. W. McCulloch, Treas., Y. P. S. C. E., for Jane Cawnpore,	10 00
Total,	\$743 00

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.—Mr. W. F. Eaton, through W. M. Soc. of Associate Congr. Ch., special for Jhansi,	\$10 00
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VIRGINIA.

Alexandria.—Mrs. R. W. Dodge, for purchase of dolls for Calcutta,	\$10 00
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OHIO.

Columbus.—Ohio State University, per Miss M. F. Ford, toward Scholarship in Yokohama School,	\$10 00
Lena.—Mr. C. H. Eckhardt,	1 00
Oxford.—Oxford College, per Miss E. B. Lnick, for L. L. B. School, Calcutta,	11 71
Total,	\$22 71

MICHIGAN.

Ypsilanti.—Mrs. Smith, per Miss Easton, for Miss Irvine's Evangelistic work,	\$1 00
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ILLINOIS.

Chicago.—S.-S. Second Presb. Ch., per Mr. H. D. Baker, for M. A. M. School, Cawnpore,	\$39 29
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Grand total, \$2511 68

ELIZABETH B. STONE, *Ass't Treas.*

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MARCH 1 TO MARCH 31, 1903.

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Grand total,	\$208 00

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FOR MARCH, 1903.

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From Rev. J. Howard Smith, toward work in Jhansi Hospital,	25 00
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Total,	\$545 60

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FOR INDIA—*General Direction.*

Dolls—black-haired, with *china* heads, hands, and feet, sizes varying from 6 to 12 and 14 inches long. Wax, composition, jointed, or kid-covered dolls are not desired.

Cawnpore.—Few dolls are used. Two or three large ones with hair desired, for prizes.

For prizes—Boxes of note-paper, desks filled, work-bags or boxes filled, boxes of lead pencils with rubbers, small looking-glasses, metal tea sets for dolls or sets of drawing-room furniture. Twelve prizes are needed in the Orphanage. Cheap soaps, cotton towels, cotton handkerchiefs by the hundreds, night-gowns, very stout unbleached muslin by the piece for underclothes, outing flannel by the piece, spool thread (Nos. 30 and 50), coarse, strong combs, warm jackets for winter and material for them. Five or six yards of stout gingham is a good present for native teachers, and two and one half yards of unbleached cloth for *chuddahs* for all the mission. Quinine in powder is most useful.

Calcutta.—Besides 1000 dolls and prizes similar to those needed in Cawnpore, 1000 cotton handkerchiefs, 200 cotton towels, and 200 night-gowns.

Allahabad.—Unbleached muslin is better than sending made *kurtas*, as work is furnished thus for Christian enquirers living on the Compound. Calico or gingham, seven yards, for native teachers' dresses, bright-bordered cotton handkerchiefs, coarse combs, kindergarten maps or materials.

General use—

Kurtas—For Hindus, made of good, stout cotton cloth, bleached or unbleached, or of fast-colored prints. White ones can be finished with red borders.

Jarmas—A jacket with sleeves, worn by Bengalis, is simply hemmed, without *bindings* or *trimmings*, as only Ayahs (nurses) wear bindings, and not the better classes. Plain skirts are useful, cut straight, hemmed, and gathered into a band.

Patchwork—*Basted*, is needed to teach sewing to the younger scholars.

Aprons—Long sleeved, of calico or gingham.

Dresses—Simple pattern, *no ruffles* or *trimming*; long in the skirt, that they may suit children of rapid growth.

China.—*No wristlets* needed for some years, as the supply is over-stocked. Remnants for garments, cheap cotton bath towels and soap are used for Christmas gifts. Unbleached cotton for sheets and pillow-cases. No chalk for the Bridgman School.

For Hospital.—Boxes of safety and assorted pins, bone buttons by the gross, tape of varied width and "baby bobbin," scented soap for Christmas gifts, mosquito netting of finest mesh, unbleached sheets 7½ feet long by 5 feet wide, pillow-cases 2½ feet long by 1½ feet wide, cotton blankets in gay colors (*never white*), thin rubber cloth or rubber sheets, small kerosene stoves with one or two burners and bundles of wicks. Old linen much needed. No spreads, tray cloths, or napkins. Sliced animals, dissected maps, and scrap-books for sick children.

Japan.—Cotton table-cloths, towels, and handkerchiefs, pads, paper, pencils, soap in cakes. *No* scrap-books.

General Direction.—Scrap-books must be carefully prepared and no questionable pictures inserted. Pictures of children, scenery, and animals desired. Great care must be used in selecting Scripture pictures, either for the walls or in cards. Many sent cannot be used.

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